

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on July 14, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Microsoft® Word 2000, *Microsoft Corporation*, Copyright 1983-1999 ("Word 2000"). In this response, Applicant amends claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 17; and cancels claims 3 and 11. As a result, claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-20 are pending. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. Further examination and review in view of the amendments and remarks below are respectfully requested.

Applicant's techniques are directed to providing a markup language software module that can be used in conjunction with a word processing software module to enable users to easily create uniform and customized text and code within a finished web page. In some cases, a template, which stores information describing where and how to format text in a document, is selected while executing or using the word processing software module and associated with a style group belonging to or associated with the markup language software module. When the template is associated with the style group, particular format information from the template is transferred to the style group within the markup language software module. Subsequently, when a document is drafted using the word processing software module, the document can be converted into a markup language, such as an HTML document, using the formatting information contained in the style group within the markup language software module.

Applicant herein amends claims 2 and 10 to provide proper antecedent basis.

All of the claims stand rejected over Word 2000. Applicant herein amends claim 1 to more clearly recite that the style group belongs to a markup language software module, and that the selected styles are imported into the style group belonging to the markup language software module. Similarly, Applicant herein amends claim 9 to more clearly recite that the second template is associated with a markup language software module, and that the selected formatting information is imported into the second template

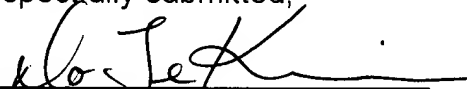
associated with the markup language software module; and claim 17 to more clearly recite that markup language software module is operable for importing format information from the word processing software module. Word 2000 neither teaches nor suggests a markup language software module that is operable for importing selected styles or formatting information into a style group or styles, respectively, that is associated with or that belongs to the markup language software module.

With regard to the feature of importing selected styles or formatting information into a markup language software module, the Examiner indicated that Word 2000's "copy" button in the "organizer" tool corresponds to Applicant's importing of selected styles or formatting information into a markup language software module. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The "copy" button in the organizer tool is used to copy styles to another document or template within Word 2000.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-20 are allowable and ask that this application be passed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8000.

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